

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS
Board Meeting June 8, 2004

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers was held on Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

Jeffrey Fargason, Chairman
Dr. Jack Borders, Vice Chairman
Vaughn Bray
Charles Denmark
Dr. Rhonda Briscoe-Faulkner

The following Board member was absent:

Henry Williams

Staff Present:

Lee Tracy, Executive Director
Sandy Stembridge, Applications Specialist
Dena Kirkman, Board Secretary
Wylencia Monroe, Board Attorney

The following visitor was present:

C. Randy Swint – President, Hearing Aid Society

Chairman Fargason established that a quorum was present, and the meeting scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. was **called to order** at 9:05 a.m.

Charles Denmark made a motion to **approve** the **minutes** as amended from the March 9, 2004 meeting. The motion was seconded by Vaughn Bray and was **approved** by the Board.

Ratify New Licensee Candidates: A motion was made by Rhonda Briscoe-Faulkner to ratify the new licensee candidates as listed below. The motion was seconded by Vaughn Bray and was **approved** by the Board.

License No.	Name	License Type
HADS000762	Smith, Terry Lee	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS000763	Reese, Terry Alen	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADE034787	New Age Hearing Aid Center	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE034788	Audibel Townsend Hearing Aid	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE034789	Audibel Townsend Hearing Aids	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE034790	Audio Services, Inc.	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE034791	Hear Central LLC.	Hearing Aid Dealer
HAP000023	Luntsford, Bruce Martin	Hearing Aid Training Permit

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Discussion was held on revoking the license of apprentice dispensers who have failed to pass the written examination more than two times. Apprentice dispensers who fail for the second time will be referred to the Board for review.

A motion was made by Vaughn Bray to have the Board staff present to the Board for review all apprentice dispensers applications who have failed the examination two times for revocation of licensure. The motion was seconded by Charles Denmark and was **approved** by the Board.

Discussion was held on correspondence received from the International Institute for Hearing Instruments Studies concerning additions to the original Competency Model to reflect new technology in the field.

A motion was made by Vaughn Bray to have the new CEU Report mailed to all licenses to help them with their Continuing Education reporting. The motion was seconded by Charles Denmark and was **approved** by the Board.

Discussion was held on newspaper advertisement concerning factory representatives sponsoring special events for Hearing Aid Dealers. The factory representatives are not licensed by the Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers and are possibly violating the law for unlicensed practice. A motion was made by Charles Denmark to send the case to the Enforcement Section for investigation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Borders and was **approved** by the Board.

Discussion was held on correspondence regarding a newspaper advertisement placed by Digital Crystal Ear, a business in Florida. A motion was made by Jeff Fargason to have the Board Attorney issue a Cease and Desist order to the Florida company. The motion was seconded by Vaughn Bray and was **approved** by the Board.

A motion was made by Dr. Jack Borders to have the changes to Rule 276-1-.01 and Rule 276-7-.01(c) to be ready for a vote to post at the next Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Rhonda Briscoe-Faulkner and was **approved** by the Board.

Dr. Jack Borders made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A §43-1-19(h)(2) to receive the Board Attorney's Report. The motion was seconded by Charles Denmark and voting in favor of the motion were those present who included, Vaughn Bray, Dr. Rhonda Briscoe-Faulkner, and Jeff Fargason. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Wylencia Monroe, Board Attorney's Report

- The Board accepted the report on cases in the Board Attorney's office.

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Lee Tracy, Executive Director's Report

- Ms. Tracy reported that Inez Lockett of the Exam Development and Testing Section was discussing the practical exam questions that the Board had for the ILS-study course and was working to get the information as quickly as possible.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Jack Borders made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Rhonda Briscor-Faulkner and **approved** by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.